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REIMBURSEMENT BY US FOR CERTAIN POLISH TRAVEL EXPENSES 1968-9

REF: WARSAW A-344, DECEMBER 19, 1973

PASS TO TREASURY

1. IN MEETING WITH EDWARD MATYJA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, EMBOFFS WERE ADVISED OF GOP CONCERN REGARDING INTEREST PAYMENTS ON PL-480 DEFERRED DEBT. MATYJA PRESENTED GOP VIEW THAT BECAUSE DEBT DEFERRAL AGREEMENT CONSTRUCTED ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS, FIRST GOP INTEREST PAYMENTS SHOULD HAVE BECOME DUE JANUARY 1, 1974, BUT NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM USG REGARDING METHOD OF INTEREST CALCULATION AND PAYMENT. AS EXPLAINED BY MATYJA, GOP'S PROPOSED METHOD OF INTEREST CALCULATION IS AS FOLLOWS: INTEREST WOULD BE DETERMINED SEPARATELY FOR EACH AGREEMENT ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS. THUS, DURING 1973, PERIOD OF DEFERRAL FOR EACH AGREEMENT WOULD BEGIN THE DATE PAYMENT UNDER THE AGREEMENT WAS DUE, AND INTEREST WOULD BE CALCULATED FROM THAT DATE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1974.

2. MATYJA STRESSED THAT GOP PREPARED TO PAY INTEREST IMMEDIATELY, EXPECTED TO PAY JANUARY 1, AND WISHES USG TO UNDERSTAND THAT PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN UNILATERALLY DELAYED

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BY GOP, BUT RATHER BY LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM USG.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING METHOD OF CALCULATION TO BE USED IN DETERMINING INTEREST OWED BY POLES ON DEFERRED PL-480 DEBT, AND CLARIFYING MANNER OF PAYMENT.

4. MATYJA ALSO RAISED ISSUE OF US REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN TRAVEL EXPENSES OF POLISH SCIENTISTS WHICH POLISH SIDE INADVERTENTLY DID NOT CHARGE AGAINST TRAVEL FUND (REPAIR). EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT PAYMENT OF THESE EXPENSES BE AUTHORIZED.
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